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1. JAPAN/KOREA

HALLORAN (NYT 8/10) SAYS KIM IL-SUNG INFORMED PRES FORD, THROUGH PM MIKI, HE WANTS OPEN DIRECT TALKS WITH US TO SETTLE OUTSTANDING ISSUES OF KOREA. WANTS US SEND ENVOY TO PREPARE AGENDA FOR TALKS WITH HAK ON US TROOP WITHDRAWAL, PEACE TREATY TO REPLACE 1953 TRUCE. NOTES HABIB TOLD PRESS IN WASHINGTON MIKI TOLD FORD WHAT NKOREANS TOLD DIET MEMBER, BUT "DID NOT BRING ANY MESSAGES." CITES JAPANESE WHO WERE IN PYONGYANG THAT HABIB "TECHNICALLY CORRECT" SINCE KIM IL-SUNG DID NOT "EXPLICITLY" REQUEST MESSAGE BE TRANSMITTED, ONLY THAT FORD "BE INFORMED" OF HIS VIEWS. SAME SOURCES SAY KIM CHANGED TACTICS AFTER UNCLASSIFIED

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VN BECAUSE RECEIVED LITTLE SUPPORT FROM CHINA AND NOT WELCOME VISIT SOVIET; WISHES REDUCE ARMS BURDEN ON NK ECONOMY; REFUSES NEGOTIATE WITH PARK CHUNG-HEE, THUS WANTS TALK DIRECTLY TO US (ABRIDGED WSTAR 8/10).

OFFICIALS SAID FRIDAY DOS BELIEVES "AS GENERAL POINT"
KOREANS MUST SETTLE ISSUES THEMSELVES (WSTAR 8/10).

2. JAPAN

MIKI ON 8/10 ABC/TV "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" SAW "ONLY A
LIMITED IF ANY CHANCE" OF MAJOR HOSTILITIES IN KOREA.
URGED EXISTING BALANCE BE MAINTAINED IN KOREA. DOES
NOT EXPECT SUDDEN CHANGE IN US KOREA POLICY. REPLIED
TO QUESTION THAT JAPAN WOULD NOT EXPAND SMALL DEFENSE
FORCE IF NEEDED TO HELP KOREA. SAID NUKES USEFUL
DETERRENT, AS SHOWN BY LONG PERIOD RELATIVE PEACE, BUT
SHOULD NOT BE USED, "EVEN IN CASE OF WAR." DECLINED
ENDORSE US POSITION THAT NVN, SVN SHOULD BE DENIED
ENTRY UN IF SK EXCLUDED (UPI, PHINQ). SAID JAPAN
WOULD OPPOSE RESOLUTION TO OUST ISRAEL FROM UN (WP).

MIKI ENDED WEEK-LONG US TOUR SATURDAY WITH VISIT TO
ALMA MATER USC, LUNCH ON QUEEN MARY AT LONG BEACH
(REUTER, WP). CRITICIZED FOR FAILING VISIT "LITTLE
TOKYO" BECAUSE CONGEN BLOCKED INVITATION SENT MIKI
BY LOCAL JAPANESE-AMERICAN LEADERS (AP, NYDN).

HALLORAN (NYT) NOTES RESUMPTION JAPAN-TAIWAN FLIGHTS
BY CAL JET BEARING CHINAT FLAG. SAYS GRC SUSPENDED
FLIGHTS 16 MONTHS AGO WHEN THEN-FM OHIRA SAID JAPAN
DID NOT RECOGNIZE TAIWAN NATL FLAG. ADDS JAL NOT
EXPECTED HAVE SUBSIDIARY READY FLY ROUTE FOR ANOTHER
MONTH.

RYAN (JOC, PARIS) CITES OECD REPORT THAT RECESSION
"BOTTOMED OUT" IN JAPAN, ESTIMATES REAL GNP MAY RISE
5-6 PERCENT THIS YEAR. EXPECTS EXPORT VOLUME CONTINUE
DECLINE SECOND HALF 1975, BUT GIVEN SIZE OF
SURPLUS IN FIRST HALF SAYS JAPAN MAY RECORD OVERALL
6 BILLION DOL TRADE SURPLUS THIS YEAR. ESTIMATES JAPAN
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WORLD TRADE MAY INCREASE OVER NEXT DECADE, BUT LESS
SPECTACULARLY THAN EARLY SIXTIES. FORESEES STEEP
INCREASE IN JAPANESE INVESTMENT ABROAD NEXT DECADE.

DATSUN, TOYOTA BOTH OUTSELL VW OVER PAST FEW MONTHS IN
US MARKET; FIRST TIME SINCE 1959 VW HAS NOT TOPPED AUTO
IMPORTS (WSJ).

TREASURY ASKS US INTL TRADE COMMISSION INVESTIGATE
"THORNY ISSUE" WHETHER FOREIGN AUTOS BEING "DUMPED"
IN US MARKET. ALSO ASKS ITC RULE WITHIN 30 DAYS WHETHER
US INDUSTRY INJURED BY IMPORTS. ITC SETS HEARINGS
FOR AUG 19 (WSJ, WASHINGTON).

SUN'S SEIDEN VISITS MAZDA PLANT IN HIROSHIMA.

CITES HOPE FIRM CAN MAKE COMBACK IN US MARKET WITH MORE ECONOMICAL 1976 MODEL WHOSE APPETITE FOR GAS CUT 40 PERCENT. DESCRIBES MAZDA PLANT AS GOOD EXAMPLE "BENEVOLENT PATERNALISM" THAT MAKES JAPANESE FIRMS TICK, WITH INEXPENSIVE HOUSING, NURSERY SCHOOL, COMPANY-RUN DISCOUNT STORES, SHOPPING CENTER, POST OFFICE, SWIMMING POOL, ALL CONNECTED BY PRIVATE HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES WITHIN 500 ACRE "MAZDA CITY."

MORMON CHURCH PRES KIMBALL SAID SATURDAY PLANS BUILD TEMPLE IN TOKYO, FIRST IN ASIA, TO SERVE ABOUT 64,000 MORMONS IN ASIA (UPI, WP).

3. UN

NSC MEETS 8/11 CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS ADMIT NVN, SVN; US VETO EXPECTED BECAUSE COUNCIL REFUSES APPROVE SK MEMBERSHIP (CSM). SPOKESMAN CONFIRMS US WILL VETO NVN, SVN ADMISSION TO UN WITHOUT SK GETTING SEAT. USSR SPONSORSHIP OF BOTH VNS SEEN AS ATTEMPT CONSOLIDATE SOVIET INFLUENCE IN HANOI. NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT ADMITTED SK WITH NVN, SVN FOUNDERED LAST WK IN MANEUVERS INVOLVING USSR, PRC, US (HOFMANN, NYT).

4. CHINA

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DIPLOMATS WHO ACCOMPANIED FM CHIAO KUAN-HUA AT PEKING AIRPORT CEREMONY SAID HE APPEARED COMPLETELY RECOVERED FROM ILLNESS FOR WHICH HE WAS HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY (WP 8/10).

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (8/10) IN HK REPORTS THAT WITH LITTLE NOTICE BY OUTSIDE WORLD PRC HAS QUIETLY BUILT UP WHAT IS NOW REGARDED AS WORLD'S THIRD LARGEST NAVY -- FORMIDABLE FIGHTING FORCE. NAVY BEGAN WITH COLLECTION OF OLD US SHIPS CAPTURED FROM CHINATS AND SOME VESSELS GIVEN BY SOVIET IN EARLY DAYS. PEKING SEEMS TO HAVE CONCENTRATED ON DEVELOPING FLEET OF 700 FAST MISSILE, GUN AND TORPEDO BOATS. ACCORDING "JANE'S," PRC HAS ABOUT 60 DIESEL-POWERED ATTACK SUBS; LARGESTSHIPS ARE DESTROYERS, MOST ADVANCED BEING BIGGER VERSION OF SOVIET "LUTA." NAVY SELDOM MENTIONED IN SOVIET MEDIA (EXCERPTED WSTAR 8/10).

MORE THAN 400 BODIES REPORTED RECOVERED FROM 8/4 SINKING OF TWO RIVER FERRIES NEAR CANTON (REUTER, WP). ACCORDING REUTER, PEKING DECLINES COMMENT; REPORTS COMING FROM SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST AND HK ARRIVALS FROM PRC

(NYT 8/10).

GEOLOGISTS SAY SATELLITE PICTURES INDICATE INDIA PUSHING CHINA INTO PACIFIC; SIDEWAYS SHOVING COULD ACCOUNT FOR PRC'S UNUSUAL EARTHQUAKE PATTERN (AP, NYT 8/10).

EIGHT YOUNG WASHINGTON-AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, WHO VISITED PRC RECENTLY FOR 39 DAYS UNACCOMPANIED BY RELATIVES OR TEACHERS, RETURN WITH VIVID IMPRESSIONS OF CHINESE PEOPLE, CULTURE, POLITICAL IDEOLOGY (WSTAR 8/10).

MORE TROOPS SENT INTO FACTORIES IN TROUBLED CHEKIANG PROVINCE TO KEEP PRODUCTION GOING AND HALT SPREADING INDUSTRIAL STRIKES, ACCORDING PROVINCIAL RADIO REPORTS FRIDAY (UPI, WP 8/9).

5. INDOCHINA

US DENOUNCES AS ILLEGAL PL TAKEOVER IN JUNE EMBASSY UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPOUND, SAYS NO PROGRESS IN TALKS ENDING OCCUPATION, NORMALIZING RELS (WP 8/9). ABOUT 100 LAOTIAN STUDENTS, CIVIL SERVANTS DEMONSTRATE IN FRONT OF THAI EMBASSY VIENTIANE AGAINST RTG EXPULSION 2 LAO DIPLOMATS IN RETALIATION FOR ARREST 2 THAI MIL ATTACHES ON SPYING CHARGES (AP, WP).

CAMBODIA SUBMITS WRITTEN REQUEST TO RTG IN EFFORT NEGOTIATE OPENING DIP RELS, ASKING FOR URGENT MEETING WITH THAI MINISTER. MESSAGE DELIVERED TO ARANYAPRATHET DISTRICT OFFICER ON KHMER BORDER (AFP, WP). PP RADIO SAYS WORKERS, SOLDIERS NEARLY COMPLETE REPAIRS TO KOMPONG CHHNANG-PURSAT RR LINK; CLAIMS RAILWAY WILL BE REOPENED IN NEAR FUTURE (AP, WP).

NVN REJECTS CATEGORICALLY RTG SUGGESTION VNAF QUESTION BE TAKEN TO WORLD COURT (AFP, NYT 8/10); REPEATS DEMAND RTG RETURN TO SAIGON ALL US-MADE PLANES FLOWN OUT BY FLEEING OFFICERS IN APR. ADDS RETURN WOULD CREATE "FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE" FOR NORMALIZATION DIP RELS BETWEEN RTG, PRG (AP, WP).

NVN NEWS AGENCY STATES PHILS PLEDGED NOT ALLOW US USE GOP TERRITORY AGAINST INDOCHINA. ADDS MANILA RECOGNIZED THAT PLANES, SHIPS, OTHER PROPERTY MOVED OUT OF SVN BEFORE TAKEOVER BELONG PRG; SAID NO SUCH ITEMS IN PHILS NOW. NVNNA SAYS PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN JOINT GOP-DRV COMMUNIQUE SIGNED HANOI 8/7 (WP).

HANOI REPORTS MAJOR GAINS CONTROLLING EPIDEMICS, REDUCING MORTALITY, LOWERING BIRTH RATE SINCE 1945. ATTRIBUTES

ACHIEVEMENTS TO NATIONWIDE MEDICAL NETWORK (AP, NYT 8/10).

MOROCCO DECIDES RECOGNIZE PRG (AFP, WP 8/10).

SALE MEDICINE WITHOUT OFFICIAL AUTHORIZATION BANNED IN SAIGON; BLACK MARKET PRICES HIGH AS PHARMACY STOCKS RUN OUT (WP). CSM'S GODSELL (WP 8/9) REPORTS LIFE INCREASINGLY AUSTERE IN SVN SINCE TAKEOVER, ACCORDING US ANALYSTS. DESCRIBES "THOUGHT REFORM" PROGRAM THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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PROCESSES UP TO 100,000 WEEKLY; WIDESPREAD FOOD SHORTAGES DUE DISTRIBUTION PROBLEMS, THOUGH NO CRUEL STARVATION AS REPORTED FROM CAMBODIA; DISAPPEARANCE PRIVATE CARS WITH HIGH PRICE GASOLINE; CUTBACK ELECTRICITY IN SAIGON; 50-DOL LIMIT ON CHECKS THAT CAN BE CASHED FOLLOWING SPATE ROBBERIES BY PEOPLE WHO HAD RUN OUT OF CASH; INDOCTRINATION SCHOOL TEACHERS, WITH UNIVERSITIES CLOSED INDEFINITELY EXCEPT MEDICAL, DENTAL, PHARMACY FACULTIES; SCATTERED RESISTANCE IN TOWNS, COUNTRYSIDE, OCCASIONAL SABOTAGE, REFUSAL REGISTER.

6. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

ON WAY ROCKY MOUNTAIN VACATION 8/10, PRES STOPS CHAFFEE, TOURS CAMP, INSPECTS REFUGEES' BARRACKS

(UPI, NYDN), IN FIRST VISIT REFUGEE CAMP. FORD URGED OFFICIALS SPEED RELOCATION PROCESS (UPI, PHINQ), WALKED THROUGH BARRACKS, DAY-CARE CNTR, SEVERAL HOSPITAL WARDS. STOPOVER WAS TO PUBLICIZE NEED FIND SPONSORS (BECKMAN, CHITRIB). PRES MARVELED THAT SO MANY "GETTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME PART OF AMERICA." SMILING VIETS LINED UP 3 MILES TO WAVE, APPLAUD FORD MOTORCADE (KUMPA, SUN). PRES SHAKES HUNDREDS HANDS AT CHAFFEE AS REFUGEES GIVE ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME; LATER SAYS HEARD NO COMPLAINTS, THOUGH REPORTERS HEARD SOME FROM LONGER-TERM RESIDENTS UNABLE FIND SPONSORS (KILPATRICK, WP). OFFICIALS BRIEFED PRES ON SLOW PROGRESS RESETTLE REFUGEES. EX-PROV CHIEF GIVES PRES LETTER SUGGESTING NEW COMMUNITY BE ESTABLISHED FOR REFUGEES IN WARM AREA (NAUGHTON, NYT). NYT, WP FRONT-PAGE UPI PHOTO PRES SHAKING HANDS WITH REFUGEES.

DOS OFFICIAL CONFIRMS CANADA WANTS DEPORT EX-GEN QUANG TO US; QUESTION UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN 2 GOVTS. DECLINES DISCUSS WHY CANADA WISHED DEPORTATION, SAYING "ALLEGATIONS" MADE ABOUT CONDUCT IN SVN (UPI, WP 8/10).

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) REPORT STRANGE STORY TOLD BY 13
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REFUGEES ON GUAM THAT THEY WERE DRUGGED LAST SPRING
TO PREVENT RETURN VN. CLAIM DOPED, HAULED TO GUAM
UNDER DURESS, NOW AWAIT REPATRIATION. US AUTHORITIES
ON GUAM CALL FOR INVESTIGATION.

IN GA, 2 INDICTED FOR DEATH 9-MOS-OLD VIET ORPHAN
WHO DIED FROM MASSIVE HEAD INJURIES (AP, WP).
PENDLETON WILL CLOSE BY MID-OCT, HEIGHTENING
PRESSURES FIND SPONSORS FOR 19,000 REFUGEES THERE
(AARONS, JOFFEE, WP). ESTIMATED 40,000 VIET, KHMER
REFUGEE CHILDREN ELIGIBLE ENTER SCHOOL NEXT MONTH,
FACE LANGUAGE PROBLEM. FEDERAL GRANT PROVIDES PHRASE
BOOKS, OTHER MATERIALS TO EASE TRANSITION (PRESS,
CSM). NYT 8/10, WP CARRY FULL-PAGE BY PILLSBURY
CO ADVOCATING SPONSORSHIP VIET FAMILIES, GIVING VOLAG
ADDRESSES THAT CAN ARRANGE SPONSORSHIP.

7. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

AUSSIES FACE UNCERTAINTY AS ECONOMIC PRESSURES, GOVT
IMPOTENCE CONTINUE. INDUSTRIAL SLUMP, INFLATION, CON-
FUSED GOVT POLICIES CAUSE DEEP CONCERN, APPREHENSION THAT
"LUCKY COUNTRY" MAY NO LONGER BE SO. OPPOSITION OFTEN

BLOCKS GOA LEGISLATION; FORMER'S CONTROL OVER SENATE
COULD FORCE ELECTION. UNCERTAINTY GOVT'S FUTURE COM-
POUNDS THAT OF BUSINESS COMMUNITY, PUBLIC AT LARGE
(STEWART, NYT; IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

STEWART REPORTS AUSTRALIA'S 3 LARGEST FAST-FOOD CHAINS--
MCDONALD'S, PIZZA HUT, KENTUCKY FRIED--PLANNING EXPANSION
DESPITE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC SLUMP. KELLOGG FOOD FORCED
CLOSE DOWN HARTEES CHAIN DUE TO TOUGH COMPETITION. FAST-
FOOD MARKET SIZE RANGES FROM 156-286 MIL DOLS ANNUALLY .

AUSTRALIAN FARMER DONALD SHAND RETURNS FROM MONTH-LONG
US TOUR CONVINCED AUSTRALIA COULD HAVE 200 MIL DOL CORN
INDUSTRY WITHIN FEW YRS. EXPECTS 120 US CORN FARMERS
VISIT AUSTRALIA FROM NOV-FEB, LOOKING OVER SCENE, GIVING
LOCAL FARMERS ADVICE, POSSIBLY INVESTING IN CORN-GROWING
VENTURES (STOVE, JOC).
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NZ DEVALUES DOLLAR BY 15 PCT IN FACE HIGH IMPORT PRICES,
LOW RETURNS FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE (WP). ROWLING
SAYS "SIZABLE TRANSFER" INCOME BACK TO FARMING NEEDED;
CITES DEVALUATION "SIMPLEST AND QUICKEST" WAY ACCOMPLISH

THIS (WSJ).

GOZN'S TWIN TRANCHE BOND DOUBLES TO 100 MIL DOLS ON EUROBOND MARKET LAST WEEK, MARKING LARGEST EVER STRAIGHT DEBT BORROWING ON MARKET (LEARMOND, JOC).

8. PHILIPPINES

NVN ANNOUNCED 8/9 IT WAS ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH PHILS. MRS MARCOS, DURING RECENT PERU VISIT, STATED PHILS WOULD SOON ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH CUBA (WP, 8/9).

MARCOS WARNS SABAH CHIEF MUSTAFA THAT GOP WOULD FIGHT ANY ATTEMPTS ANNEX SOUTHERN PHIL ISLANDS IN MUSTAFA'S QUEST FOR INDEPENDENCE (WP 8/9).

FERRY CARRYING 100 PASSENGERS CAPSIZED OFF SAN PEDRO BAY, CENTRAL PHILS; 15 DROWNED, 30 MISSING (AP, PHINQ).

9. HONG KONG

HK AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORP OFFER INJECT 30 MIL DOLS INTO HUTCHISON INTL LTD, IN MOVE WHICH OBSERVERS SAY MAY BE FIRST BID IN EFFORT TAKE OVER GIANT TRADING COMPANY. BANK'S CHRMN SAYS HIL SHOULD RETURN TO "MORE PROFITABLE TRADING BASIS" IF OFFER ACCEPTED (UPI, JOC).

10. PORTUGUESE TIMOR

COUP D'ETAT STAGED IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR, ACCORDING RADIO MESSAGE RECEIVED IN AUSTRALIA. DARWAIN AIRPORT'S CONTROL TOWER OFFICIAL STATED ONLY THAT COUP STAGED, AIRPORT CLOSED; NO OTHER INFO AVAILABLE (REUTER, WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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11. JAPAN

NYT WELCOMES MIKI QUIETLY TELLING PRESS JAPAN "ACCEPTS WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION" IWC WHALING QUOTAS. CAUTIONS DOES NOT IN SELF ASSURE WHALE SALVATION, BUT ACCEPTANCE GAINS IMPORTANCE BECAUSE INVOLVES NEW CONCEPT -- BASED ON STOCKS IN GIVEN AREA RATHER THAN QUOTA FOR WHOLE SPECIES SCATTERED OVER SEVEN SEAS. STATES THANKS MERITED BY US NEGOTIATORS, ENVIRONMENTALISTS WHOSE DRUMFIRE OF PRESSURES FINALLY FOUND SENSITIVE SPOT IN TOKYO (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WSTAR (8/8) RECALLS HIROSHIMA A-BOMB THAT INAUGURATED NUCLEAR AGE "OF DOUBT, OF SPIRITUAL UNCERTAINTY."

SAYS EPILOGUE OF FIRST A-BOMB STILL BEING WRITTEN;
WHILE WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN ABLE ATTAIN "UNEASY EQUILIBRIUM" WITH NUCLEAR FISSION, WE ARE FAR FROM FORMULATING
"NEW MODES OF THOUGHT" IN EFFORTS "SAVAGELY CONTESTED"
BY OUR DARKER IMPULSES.

SHANNON (NYT 8/10) SEES MORAL ANGUISH OF HIROSHIMA,
NAGASHAKI BOMBING TORMENTING US STILL. GUILT SHARED
UNEQUALLY BY PERPETRATOR AND VICTIM, ITS ORIGINS
COMPLEX, YET ITS UNFOLDING HUMANLY UNDERSTANDABLE.
FINDS CONSEQUENCES OVERWHELMING, YET AMBIGUOUS, IRONIC.

EVANS/NOVAK (WP) STATE DOD ALARM OVER ADM LAROCQUE TOKYO
VISIT AS GUEST OF "BIG, LEFT-WING NEWSPAPERS" JUSTIFIED
BY PAST PERFORMANCE. NOTE QUESTIONABLE TESTIMONY IN
SENATE BY DOVISH ADMIRAL TOUCHED OFF POLITICAL CRISIS
IN TOKYO LAST YEAR. DESPITE ASSURANCE TO DOS DOES
NOT WISH "FOUL UP" US-JAPAN RELATIONS, STATE ADM LAROCQUE
UP TO OLD TRICKS ON THIS VISIT -- TOLD PRESS US BASES IN
JAPAN, SK, "DO NOT IN ANY WAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE
NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, DIRECTLY OR
INDIRECTLY" (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SUN'S PEPPER DESCRIBES MIKI "PLAYING HIS STRONG SUIT"
IN DEPARTING FROM TIME-HONORED JAPANESE CUSTOM OF

BLANDNESS IN DEALING WITH FOREIGNERS. NOTES MIKI
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RECALLED HIS FOUR YEARS AS PART-TIME STUDENT IN
CALIFORNIA IN 1930S, SAID CONSIDERS US "SECOND HOME"
WHERE AS IMPRESSIONABLE YOUTH ACQUIRED LIFELONG
RESPECT FOR LIBERAL DEMOCRACY.

12. CHINA

NYT (8/9) HOLDS THAT, BY CONTRAST WITH "MISGUIDED AND EMPTY
JOURNEY TO HELSINKI," PRES FORD'S TREK TO PEKING LATE THIS
YEAR HAS POTENTIAL FOR HELPING STABILIZE US' PACIFIC
PRESENCE. MAINTAINS THAT SO LONG AS PEKING WANTS US PLAY
STABILIZING ROLE IN ASIA TO SUIT PRC INTERESTS AGAINST
SOVIET, NOT UNREASONABLE TO EXPECT CHINESE EXERT OWN
RESTRAINING INFLUENCE IN RESPONSE TO STRONG US INTEREST--
STABILITY OF KOREAN PENINSULA AND STABILITY OF JAPAN.

ALSOP, IN HK, PRAISES PRC AGRICULTURAL SUCCESSES AS LIKE-
LY TO PROVE WORLD-CHANGING DEVELOPMENT (IN USIA WIRELESS
FILE).

NYT'S SULZBERGER, IN STOCKHOLM (8/10), OBSERVES EURO-
PEAN SUMMIT PLEDGE OF BORDER INVIOABILITY SPECIFICALLY
INCLUDES SOVIET-PRC BOUNDARY. BUT SEES PLA AS VITAL,

NATIONALIST FORCE, DETERMINED TO STRAIGHTEN FRONTIER
ISSUE IN MORE FAVORABLE SENSE, AND IN NO WAY BOUND BY
HELSINKI PLEDGES.

WSTAR (8/8) PRINTS TIMES, LONDON DISPATCH THAT CURRENT
US CODEL IN PRC, WHILE CLEARING AIR FOR PROPOSED FORD
CHINA VISIT LATER THIS YEAR, HAS BROUGHT HOME SERIOUS-
NESS OF SINO-US MISAPPREHENSIONS. JAVIT/PERCY-LED GROUP
CONSIDERS MAO-CHOU DISABILITIES SERIOUS PROTOCOL PROBLEM
THAT COULD AFFECT FORD VISIT. ALSO SEEMS LIKELY CHINESE
MISTRUST NEW, MORE POWERFUL CONGRESSIONAL ROLE IN ADMIN-
ISTRATION US FOREIGN POLICY.

13. INDOCHINA

WP'S PALLING (8/9) IN NE THAILAND DISCUSSES PLIGHT MEO
TRIBESMEN WHO FLED LAOS BECAUSE OF LONG ASSOCIATION WITH
US. THAIS DON'T WANT THEM; THEY LIVE IN SQUALOR WITH
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LITTLE FOOD. ESTIMATES 30,000 LAOTIAN REFUGEES IN THAI-
LAND. QUOTES OBERVERS THAT RTG ARMED FORCES WANT USE
MEO AS BUFFER AGAINST PL; SAYS AMB WHITEHOUSE SEES MERIT
IN IDEA. NVN OFFICIALS IN VIENTIANE CONSIDER PLAN
SERIOUS THREAT, AND RTG MFA WOULD LIKE SEE MEOS GO HOME
TO AVOID PROVOKING PL. DESCRIBES MEO ROLE IN LAOTIAN WAR,

FLIGHT INTO THAILAND, LIFE IN REFUGEE CAMPS. NOTES MEOS
WHO STAYED BEHIND HAVE NOT SUFFERED HARSH TREATMENT.

CHITRIB'S KIRK NOTES VIET DIPLOMATS WHO ARRIVED UN
OFFERED HELP GET INFO ON MIAS, BUT ASSISTANCE IN AC-
CORDANCE WITH C-F. WONDERS WHAT SIGNIFICANCE PARIS AGREE-
MENT HAS AFTER COMMUNISTS FLOUTED IT. SINCE THEY FORGOT
IT, BELIEVES IT REASONABLE US FORGET PROVISIONS CALLING
FOR RECONSTRUCTION AID. WONDERS IF COMMUNISTS WOULD CO-
OPERATE IN SEARCH EVEN IF AID GIVEN. SAYS SINCE VIETS
STATED NO PRISONERS STILL HELD, MIAS WILL NEVER RETURN.
RECOMMENDS US NOT LISTEN TO COMMUNIST PRATTLE ABOUT PARIS
AGREEMENT THAT THEY FRACTURED.

14. UN

PHINQ SEES GOOD REASON TO ADMIT SK TO UN AS WELL AS NVN,
SVN. SUPPORTS US STAND ON UNIVERSALITY, AS OPPOSED "SE-
LECTIVE UNIVERSALITY." BELIEVES US NOT OBLIGED ACCEPT
KIND DOUBLE STANDARD THAT HAS TOO OFTEN PERVADED UN IN
RECENT YRS.

15. GENERAL

IN SECOND OF 3 ARTICLES ON PRES' FIRST YR, NYT'S GWERTZMAN

(8/9) MENTIONS MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR AS FOOTNOTE TO INDOCHINA COLLAPSE, BUT GAVE US SOMETHING TO APPLAUD WHEN OTHER EVENTS GRIM. BELIEVES PRES IMPROVED TIES WITH W EUR, JAPAN. NOTES CONSTRUCTION NAVAL BASE ON DIEGO GARCIA APPROVED.

16. HONG KONG

CSM PRINTS S CHINA MORNING POST EDIT STATING COLONY'S UNCLASSIFIED

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GEO-POLITICAL SITUATION MAKES IT NATURAL TARGET FOR VARIOUS COUNTRIES' INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. CITES ROC, SOVIET SPY NETWORKS DISCOVERED IN RECENT YRS. BELIEVES GOVT MUST TELL NATLIST AUTHORITIES HK NOT "HAPPY HUNTING GROUND" FOR SPIES.

17. PHILIPPINES

MORRIS (NYT 8/10) VISITS NEW MEXICO WAR CEMETERY WHICH COMMEMORATES BATAAN BATTLE. MUSES OVER MANY WARS IN WHICH US INVOLVED; PRAYS "GLORY AND EVIL OF OUR IMPERIAL PRETENSE IS OVER." SISCO

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